INSTALLING A PENDANT LAMP

Step 1: Remove the Old Fixture

Note: Before beginning any type of electrical project, be sure the power is turned off at the home's main circuit box. Cover the switch with tape to make sure it doesn't get turned back on while you are working. Use a circuit tester to ensure that the power is off before you touch any of the electrical wiring.

Remove the old fixture. If it is a ceiling fan, remove the blades first. Then loosen the screws holding the fan in place. Gently pull the fixture from the mounting bracket.

Remove the wire nuts from the wires, disconnect the fixture and remove the mounting brackets.

Step 2: Attach the Mounting Bracket

To hang the new light, first attach the new mounting bracket to the junction box. In many cases, the old mounting bracket will use mounting screws that screw in from the bottom. Some new mounting brackets have open bolts on the bottom that are capped with a cap nut.

Step 3: Attach the Wires

Attach the wires to the new fixture based on the instructions in your lamp carton. This is white to white, black to black and ground to ground.

Step 4: Secure the Connections

Secure the connections with wire nuts, then attach the bare ground wire to the green ground screw on the mounting bracket. On some fixtures, the neutral wire may be a black wire with a white stripe.

Slide the new fixture over the bolts in the mounting bracket, then attach the mounting cap nuts.